U.S 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion
Unit Journal January 15 - February 10, 1945

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Period from: 15 JAN

To:

Time in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
0		WORD RECEIVED VIA phone CAPT. SULLIVAN INJURED.	S	
	0945	Capt. McMillin dept to take over "B" Co	S	
0		Lt. Trave rept to Bn CP	S	
5		Bn C.O. interviews Sgt. Crawford	S	
5		Lt. Montgomery rept to CP for maps (1:50,000)		
	1140	Bn C.O. Lt Chase dept for FIGHTER BAKER and FIZZ BAKER	S	
50		Bn C.O. + LT. CHASE RTN to CP		
0		Lt. Young rept to Bn CP,	S	Lt. Young sent to take over B Co, 1515
–		statement for Sgt. Crawford		
0		French Soldier brought to Bn CP	S	
	1620	Lt. Valentine dept for Nebing	S	
0		All M-18 Personnel alerted for move to —	S	
–		Capt. McMillin Rtd fr B Co		

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Period from: 16 Jan

To:

Time in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
230		Lt Valentine returned	S	
10		Col ADAMS from VI CORPS ARRIVED WITH ONE LT. COL + 1 MAJOR + WENT INTO CONFERENCE WITH BN. CO. - OTHER OFFICERS - LT. COL PENTECOST + MAJ. THOMPSON, LEFT 1030 TO VISIT GUN COMPANIES.	S	
30	[illegible]	Col Ewing VISITED C.P. FR. 1ST ARMORED GP	S	
00		LTS KOWALKOWSKI + FARNHAM RPTD FR. REPL. BN	S	
	2000	Lts. Chase + Sohrenian dept BN. CP. W/repl crew + supplies for Hatten - supplies on Recovery veh + 2½ ton		
00		Rept rec'd fr. Lt. Kress (file) ← R1; rept accom. by overlay of Lt. K's Pos.	S	delayed info

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Period from: 17 Jan

To:

Time in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
	0930	Lt. Kowalowski dept for Hq. Co. as Ex O	S	
	1100	Capt. McMillin makes rds of Co's.	S	
1430	1540	CNT. Cox ARR CP.		
1445		3 repl (EM) for "A" Co. arrv Bn CP, and sent to "A" on "A"s Mess trk (Richard Harris in chg.)	S	[illegible]
1600		Rept rec'd that Sgt Russell, "A" Co., Kayoed 2 [illegible]	S	
1600		Lt. L. Young arr CP.		

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Period from: 18 JAN 45

To:

Time in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
950		Col. ADAMS ARR TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATION, INTERVIEWED		
		LT. FINK & MAJ. HARTUNG. Col. PENTECOST ARR & WENT		
		FORWARD TO CHECK COMPANIES. MAJ. THOMPSON		
		ARR to WORK WITH Col. ADAMS.		
45		LT. JONES ARR. following STAY IN HAITAN.		RPTD HIS PLATOON KO'S 3 TANKS damaged 3 & knocked out
00		Col. BAKER ARR.		
10		Col. EWING ARR to SEE BN C.O.		ARMORED CAR lost 1 EM, KINNEBREW
15		Col. ADAMS INTERVIEWED LT. JONES.		KIA
05		"RED ALERT" CALL CAME OVER PHONE.		
	1510	MAJ. THOMPSON and Col. EWING LEFT CP		
15		LT. SMALL ARR TO RPT. to BN C.O.		RPTD SGT. WASHINGTON A CO WIA, 2 guns of
25				LT. KRESS' PLATOON ordered from
	1530	COLEMAN (gunner) + BEAL (driver) LEFT FOR C.O.		[illegible] to [illegible]
45		MAJ. McCUTCHEON, 813 TD. & CAPT. MAYO ARR. CP		LT. SMALL HAS [illegible] 2 [illegible] of
	1625	LT. SMALL LEFT CP AFTER RPTG TO C.O.		17th morning & 18th [illegible] Lt. Kress [illegible]

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Period from: 18 Jan 45

To:

[Ti]me out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
[1]640	MAJ. McCUTCHEON LEFT	S	
	OVERLAY FROM LT. McMASTERS SHOWING GUN POSITIONS POSTED ON OPNS MAP, OVERLAY FILED.		
	Rept fr Lt Kress (file) Rg	S	delayed info

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Period from: 19 JAN 45

To:

Time in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
1300		Correspondent visits Bn CP (MR. TOLES, CHICAGO DEFENDER)	S	
~~[illegible]~~	1630	MR. TOLES DEPARTED		
2150		INFO REC'D FR LT G. YOUNG THAT 50 SHERMAN TANKS MANNED BY ENEMY IDENTIFIED.		
1600		Overlay fr. Lt. McMasters rec'd (file) R3	SM	

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Period from: Jan 20

To:

Time in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
..00		MAJ HARTUNG REC'D VERBAL ORDER RE MOVEMENT (FILE)	←	→ O1
..33..		Phone msg fr Maj Hartung "LOAD UP".	S	C.O. Notified
..45		MAJ. HARTUNG PHONED again, TALKED TO C.O.		BN LOADS
..00		LT. L. YOUNG ARR. WITH ORAL MOVEMENT ORDER, SAID BN		
		TO MOVE TO WAHLENHEIM OR BERNOLSHEIM		
..25		BN CP & RCN VEHICLES BEGAN TO MOVE TO WAHLENHEIM		
		BY INFILTRATION.		
..15		BN VEHICLES BEGAN TO ARRIVE WAHLENHEIM		
..00		BN CP & RCN CLOSED WAHLENHEIM		RCN & BN MAINTENANCE BIVOUACED WAHLENHEIM
..15		CP GP LESS BN MAINTENANCE MOVED TO BERNOLSHEIM		
..00		CP GP LESS BN MAINTENANCE CLOSED BERNOLSHEIM		Bivouaced for night

UNIT JOURNAL: [illegible] TD BN.

Period from: Jan 21

To:

Time in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
…30		C.O. sent msg to HQ Co to move fr Haguenau to Bernolsheim.		
…05		HQ Co arr Bernolsheim		Closed 1040
…30		Bn CO. ordered Rcn fr Wahlenheim to Bernolsheim		
…45		A Co arr Wahlenheim		Closed 1130
…05		Rcn closed Bernolsheim		
…30		C.O. ordered C Co to move to Bernolsheim (File)	←——→	M4
		22 Jan		
…00		Orns Memo #21 Rec'd (File) ←——→ O2		
		Maj. Hartung ordered to initiate Rcn to sector 36th Div		
		Lt. Valentine ordered initiate Rcn to sector 103rd Div.		
…00		Bn reverts to		

See 22 Jan

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Period from: ________

To: Jan 22

Time in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
...0		MSG RECEIVED FR VI CORPS ATCHING 1 CO TO 79TH DIV. (FILE) ⟷ O3 & M5		
...0		A CO (9 M-18'S) + 2ND RCN PLAT ASSIGNED MISSION		
		LT. CALLAHAN LEFT TO RPT TO CG, 79 DIV.		
...45		Note fr Lt. Baker: "We are putting 6 T.D.'s in Position in KALTENHOUSE. The rest and Co. C.P. will be in WEITBRUCK."		
...0		CORPS G-3 OFFICE CALLED BY PHONE, SAID 827 HAD REVERTED TO CONTROL 12TH ARMORED DIV.		
...0		12TH ARMORED DIV. CALLED, ORDERING BN C.O. TO DIV HQ		
...0		OPERATIONS MEMO #22, VI CORPS REC'D (FILE)		
...00		Bn Staff meets - Bn CO orders CO, Hq, to locate billets for Hq. Co., Part of Rcn & C below Saverne. Cp to conduct Tng of repl.	S	delayed
...d		— Bn reverts to Div Contr 222200A	S	(see reverse side.)

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Period from: ______________

To: Jan 23

Time in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
00		G-3 Periodic Report Rec'd confirming order reverting Bn to 12 AD [illegible]		
5		Alerted & awaiting Movement Orders	S	(File) (S-3 file)
8		Enemy aerial cont Vic Bn CP	S.T	
00		"A" Co reld atchmt 79th Inf Div & reverts to contr of Parent Unit (Auth: O I #23, VI Corps) (file) ↔ O4	S	delayed
		Bn reld atchmt VI corps & atchd to 12th Armd Div " (Same auth) ↔ O4	S	"
		Lt. Young RPTD with orders fr 12th AD for Bn to move to Wasselone, France		
		Bn began movement to Wasselone		
		Bn closed Wasselone		

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Period from: ____________

To: 24 Jan

Time in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
		ORDERS Rec'd fr. HQ 7A confirming:		
		Bn Reverts Control 12 AD		
		12 AD Atchd for Opns to 1st French Army		
		ADM + Supply Remain with 7 A (File)		O5
		Lt. L. Young arr. with orders to move Bn, GR 12 AD		
		Order Relative Movement Cancelled Per Msg D (File)		M6
		25 Jan		
		Bn Alerted to move "Subsequent to 1400" 25 Jan.	ST	
		Bn A	ST	
		Bn Crossed IP - Eastern edge Wasselone	ST	
		Bn Cleared Wasselone.		
		Bn Closed Wewisheim		

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Period from: 25 Jan

To:

...e in	Time out	Event	Action taken	Remarks
...00		Alerted for movement; Prepared to move at 1400	ST	
...15		Dept. Wasselonne 1645 & arrvd Wiwoheim at 1830 — already entered.		
		26 Jan		
...00		RECD. OPERATIONAL OVERLAY (S-3 FILE) FR 12 A.D. REGARDING PLANS FOR EMPLOYING DIVISION IN ATTACK. BN ORDERED TO INITIATE RECONNAISSANCE FOR POSITIONS IN WHICH TO SUPPORT DIVISION ATTACKS.		
...00		C.O. BRIEFED CO. CMDRS ON DIV. ORDER		
...30		RECONNAISSANCE INITIATED		

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Period from: 27 Jan

To:

...me out	File #	Event	Action taken	Remarks
		Bn CO preps for visit to D/CP	S	
		CP alerted for short move. Move scheduled for 1500	ST	
		Col VANEGGELD arry CP for Parley w/ Bn CO	S	Col is VI Corps JA
		Bn CP AP left WEWISHEIM	ST	
		" " " CLOSED STUTZHEIM	ST	
		Billets secured & CP established		

UNIT JOURNAL, [illegible]

Period from: 28 Jan

To:

Time in	Time out	File #	Event	Action taken	Remarks
	0915		Lt Kowolosky dept for Hq Co.	S	
1000			Bn CO Confers w/ staff of off	S	
			29 Jan		
500			Bn CO orders Officers' meeting for 1900 at Cp.	S	

UNIT JOURNAL, [illegible]

Period from: 30 Jan.

To:

Time in	Time out	File #	Event	Action taken	Remarks
	1440	M7	Bn CO orders Complete Destr/crew for CO, Hq Co		
			31 Jan		
			Bn apr w/Cann w/instr rec'd on/plans "X" + "Y" (see S-3 file)	ST	
			1 Feb, '45		
[illegible]100			Capt Hall arr CP; is aptd (asgd) CO, "C" Co.	S	
[illegible]200		M8	Msg fr Div Prior to alert (Billeting Party be prepared to be in Molsheim ofoo 2 Feb)		

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Period from: 2 Feb

To:

Time in	Time out	File #	Event	Action taken	Remarks
1100			HQ Co CLOSED STUTZHEIM, FR HAEGEN		
1400		F.O. 8 (3-5 file) 12th AD	1ST PLAT A Co ATTCHD CC.A; 2nd PLAT. A ATCHD CC-B; 1ST PLAT B Co ATCHD CCR per FIELD ORDER 8, 12TH A.D. REMAINDER OF BN ALERTED FOR MOVEMENT		2nd Plat A & 1st Plat B moved with CC's
1500			DIV G-3 PHONED, SAID ~~BN WILL NOT M~~ ANY PREV ORDERS RE MOVEMENT COUNTERMANDED - BN STILL ALERTED & WILL BE SENT ORDER TO MOVE		
[illegible]30			LT. L. YOUNG Brings ORDER FOR BN TO ~~MOVE AT MIDNIGHT~~ CROSS I.P. AT 0053 - BN C.O. DECIDED TO HOLD BN IN COMPLIANCE WITH PHONE CALL FR DIV G-3 (ORDER DTD EARLIER THAN PHONECALL)		

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Period from: 3 FEB 45

To:

Time in	Time out	File #	Event	Action taken	Remarks
[illegible]330			LT. L YOUNG ARRIVED WITH ORDERS FR DIV		
			FOR BN TO MOVE TO VIC ST. HIPPOLYTE -		
[illegible]00			BN CROSSED IP - STUTZHEIM CP CLOSED STUTZHEIM		
[illegible]015			BN CP GP ARR. ORSCHWILLER - CP OPENED		
			ORCHWILLER -		
[illegible]100			BN CLOSED ORCHWILLER		
			4 FEB 45		
[illegible]00		G3	G-3 PERIODIC RPT #62 ~~ARR~~ 12 A.D. ARR.		
			SHOWING 2ND PLAT A Co ATCHD T.F. BOONE		
			IN CCB - CCB RPTD CLOSED VIC DAMBACH		
			CC-R WITH 1ST PLAT B Co RPTD VIC HOUSSEN		
			CCA WITH 1ST PLAT A Co RPTD VIC BARR		
[illegible]			LT. L YOUNG ARR. W/ORAL O Re 12TH A.D + 827		
			ATCHD XXI CORPS.		
[illegible]30			BN CP CLOSED ORCHWILLER - BN Began Movement		
			to Bergheim.		
			BN ~~[illegible]~~ CP opened Bergheim		
			BN CLOSED Bergheim		

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Period from: 5 Feb.

To:

Time in	Time out	File #	Event	Action taken	Remarks
			BN CO VIS DIV	S	
			No Pertinent change fr 4 Feb		
			6 Feb		
	1015		Dept Bergheim 1015	ST	
1030			Arrvd Pfaffenheim	ST	

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Period from: 7 Feb

To:

Time in	Time out	File #	Event	Action taken	Remarks
		Mg	Plat A/827 atchd CC-B, remains with A/714. Other plats revert to Bn control	S	
			COs closing Pfaffenheim		
100			S-2 retns w/info that "B" ready to close Pfaffenheim	S	
			8 Feb		
			Bn closes Pfaffenheim		

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Period from: 9 Feb

To:

Time in	Time out	File #	Event	Action taken	Remarks
			Bn alerted for long move		
			10 Feb		
	1900		Bn dept [illegible] Pfaffenheim		
			[illegible]		

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H[illegible]QUARTERS 827TH TANK DESTROYER [illegible]TALION
APO 758 U. S. ARMY

ROSTER OF OFFICERS

RANK	NAME	ASN	ARM OR BRANCH	D/R PRESENT GRADE	DATE [illegible] ASSIGNED BATTALION
Lt Col	PHILLIP J. VANDER ZWIEP	0287932	FA	25 Jan 44	5 Aug 44
Major	CARL A. FRASER	0230548	FA	7 Oct 43	2 Sept 44
Major	GEORGE W. HARTUNG	0370937	FA(NG)	1 Jun 44	14 Sept 43
Captain	JAMES R. HALL	0407577	FA(NG)	29 Oct 42	31 Jan 45
Captain	LOUIE C. COX	0403356	INF(NG)	5 Jul 43	13 Feb 44
Captain	ADRIAN C. LAMOS	0492016	MC	1 Nov 43	17 May 43
Captain	WILLIE A. MAYO	01169233	FA	22 Apr 44	13 Sept 43
Captain	LESTER D. McMILLIN	01168373	FA	22 Apr 44	13 Sept 43
Captain	CARMEN E. DAIUTOLO	01821689	CAV.	24 Jun 44	13 Nov 42
Captain	LOUIS P. VINCENT	01824103	FA	27 Jul 44	9 May 44
1st Lt	ROBERT D. FINK	01170363	FA	29 Apr 43	15 Oct 44
1st Lt	DONALD G. McMASTERS	01136372	FA	15 May 43	8 May 44
1st Lt	KENNETH W. TRONE	01821935	CAV	31 May 43	13 Dec 43
1st Lt	LLOYD C. WOODS	01822350	CAV	22 Nov 43	12 Apr 44
1st Lt	ALDEN E. CHASE	01823405	FA	30 Nov 43	20 Apr 44
1st Lt	GEORGE F. YOUNG	01824409	FA	14 Jan 44	20 Apr 44
1st Lt	LOUIS J. CALLAHAN	01824277	FA	20 Jan 44	20 Apr 44
1st Lt	MAURICE H. VALENTINE	01824366	CAV	27 Jul 44	13 Dec 43
1st Lt	RICHARD E. KRESS	01182623	FA	25 Sept 44	8 Jan 44
1st Lt	CHARLES E. DELL	01824490	QMC	16 Jan 45	28 Jan 45
1st Lt	RALPH R. BAKER	01184323	FA	1 Mar 45	15 Jan 44
1st Lt	ROBERT F. JONES	0523408	INF	1 Mar 45	13 Apr 44
1st Lt	ORVILLE K. TESKE	01825936	FA	1 Mar 45	10 Jul 44
2nd Lt	ED F. KOWOLOWSKI	01824043	FA	25 Feb 43	16 Jan 45
2nd Lt	RICHARD F. TONER	01824706	FA	25 Mar 43	4 Jul 44
2nd Lt	JAMES W. DETWILER	01825096	INF	30 Apr 43	7 Aug 44
2nd Lt	JAMES D. SMALL	0523406	FA	12 Aug 43	15 Jan 44
2nd Lt	LESTER S. YOUNG	01184973	FA	26 Aug 43	8 Jan 44
2nd Lt	RODGER W. FARNHAM	0524507	TD(ORC)	27 Aug 43	16 Jan 45

ROSTER OF OFFICERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
AS OF 31 JANUARY 1945

Rank	Name	Serial No.	Remarks
Lt Col.	VANDER ZWIEP, Phillip J.	0287932	
Major	FRASER,Carl A.	0230548	
Major	HARTUNG, George W.	0370937	
Captain	CAW, Frank O.	01822236	SWA--Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A BC 1/8/45.
Captain	COX, Louie C.	0403556	
Captain	DAIUTOLO, Carmen E.	01821689	
Captain	LAMOS, Adrian C.	0492016	
Captain	MAYO, Willie A.	01169233	
Captain	McMILLIN, Lester D.	01168373	
Captain	SULLIVAN, Douglas H.	0024169	SWA 15 Jan 45. DOW 16 Jan 45.
Captain	VINCENT, Louis P.	01824103	
1st Lt	BRESCIA, Louis	01821817	KIA 10 Jan 45.
1st Lt	CALLAHAN, Louis J.	01824277	
1st Lt	CHASE, Alden E.	01823405	
1st Lt	FINK, Robert D.	01178363	
1st Lt	GAMBLE, Gerald R.	01824605	SWA--Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A BC 1/12/45.
1st Lt	KRESS, Richard E.	01182623	
1st Lt	McMASTERS, Donald G.	01168372	
1st Lt	McNEIL, Lincoln C.	0349409	SIA--Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A NBC 1/14/45.
1st Lt	ROSENBAUM, Harold E.	01822192	SI---Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A NBC 1/7/45.
1st Lt	TRONE, Kenneth W.	01821935	
1st Lt	VALENTINE, Maurice H.	01824396	
1st Lt	WINTER, Bernard J.	01824718	KIA 8 Jan 45.
1st Lt	WOODS, Lloyd C.	01822350	

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Name	Serial No.	Remarks
1st Lt YOUNG, George F.	01824409	
2nd Lt BAKER, Ralph R.	01184523	
2nd Lt DETWILER, James W.	01825098	
2nd Lt JONES, Robert F.	0523726	
2nd Lt KELLY, Arthur L.	01185230	SI Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7A NBC 1/23/45
2nd Lt MONTGOMERY, Ross H.	01185243	
2nd Lt SMALL, James D.	0523408	
2nd Lt SOURENIAN, Hrant	01824699	SIA. Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A BC 1/21/45.
2nd Lt TESKE, Orville K.	01825936	SWA. Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A BC 1/10/45.
2nd Lt TONER, Richard F.	01824706	
2nd Lt YOUNG, Lester S.	01184973	
Captain HALL, James R.	0407577	Asgd & jd per par 7, SO #26, Hq 12 AD dtd 29 Jan 45.
1st Lt DELL, Charles E.	01824490	Asgd & Jd per par 8, SO #21, Hq 7A dtd 21 Jan 45.
2nd Lt FARNHAM, Rodger W.	0524507	Asgd and jd per par 2, SO #12, Hq 12th AD, APO 262, dtd 15 Jan 45.
2nd Lt KOWOLOWSKI, Ed F.	01824043	Asgd and jd per par 2, SO #12, Hq 12th AD, APO 262, dtd 15 Jan 45.